1 They *spent/had spent* hours in the car by the time they *arrived/had arrived* at their destination.

2 Something *had happened/has happened* to the engine before the plane *has taken/took* off.

3 *Did you already learn/Had you already learnt* how to ride a bike when you *started/had started* school?

4 They *stopped/had stopped* him from boarding the train because he *has lost/had lost* his ticket.

5 I *didn't want/hadn't wanted* my grandmother to drive because she *forgot/had forgotten* her glasses.

6 She *never travelled/had never travelled* by plane before so she *felt/had felt* a little nervous.

7 The roads *were/had been* dangerous because it *rained/had rained* the night before.

Complete the sentences by matching (1–6) with (a–f).

1 I was listening to my MP3 player …

2 She missed her station …

3 The boys cycled home …

4 While Sonia was making sandwiches, …

5 She was talking to a neighbour …

6 How did you find out …

a because she had fallen asleep on the train.

b when my friend called.

c that you'd lost your driving licence?

d as soon as they heard the news.

e when I arrived at her house.

f I was packing the rucksack.

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